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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: DETENTION OF BERNARDUS PETRUS UNDER

TERRORISM ACT

REF: (A) 77 PRETORIA 6883; (B) 77 STATE 299027,

ON JANUARY 17 DEPUTY SECRETARY BOTHA, MULTILATERAL  
RELATIONS DIVISION, DFA, CALLED IN DCM TO RECEIVE FORMAL  
RESPONSE TO THE THEMBAZZY'S DEMARCHE OF DECEMBER 21 PROTESTING  
THE APPLICATION OF THE TERRORISM ACT TO BERNARDUS PETRUS IN  
NAMIBIA. DFA NOTE (A COPY OF WHICH IS BEING POUCHEO TO AF/S -  
TAYLOR) REITERATED THE SOUTH AFRICAN POSITION THAT UN TERMIN-  
ATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN ADMINISTRATION OF SOUTHWEST AFRICA IS  
INVALID AND THE SAG CONTINUES ACCORDINGLY TO ADMINISTER THE  
TERRITORY IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MANDATE WHICH VESTED FULL  
POWER OF ADMINISTRATION AND LEGISLATION IN THE SAG AND AUTHORIZED  
IT TO APPLY THE LAWS OF SOUTH AFRICA IN THE TERRITORY;  
THE SAG HAD ACTED IN THE PETRUS CASE TO MEET ITS  
"RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHWEST  
AFRICA FROM THREATS TO THEIR LIVES AND THEIR SECURITY."  
THE SAG NOTE DID NOT REFER TO THE OBSERVATION IN OUR  
DEMARCHE THAT APPLICATION OF THE TERRORISM ACT TO  
PETRUS APPEARED TO BE AT VARIANCE TO THE FOREIGN  
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MINISTER'S DECEMBER 11 ASSERTION THAT SOUTH AFRICA  
HAS NEVER HAD SOVEREIGNTY OVER NAMIBIA. BOTHA EXPLAINED  
THAT THE POINT HAD NOT BEEN ADDRESSED BECAUSE IT SEEMED  
IRRELEVANT SINCE SOUTH AFRICA HAS FROM THE OUTSET  
DISCLAIMED SOVEREIGNTY OVER SOUTHWEST AFRICA.

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